

IHE Advisor Meeting

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Our Vision

Our vision is a continued commitment to promote and provide exceptional “knock your socks off” customer service to all members of the Arizona educational community.

Certification 101

- +Teaching Certificates
- +Approved Areas and Endorsements
- +Words Are Important
- +Institutional Recommendation information

Arizona Teaching Certificates

The Arizona Certification Unit issues 40 different types of certificates and 23 endorsements

- **Early Childhood (Birth-Grade 3)**
- **Elementary Education (K-8)**
 - After July 1, 2012, Birth-Kindergarten teachers must have an Early Childhood certificate or endorsement
- **Secondary (grades 7-12)**
 - Must have an approved area valid for grades 7-12
- **Special Education**
 - Certificates in Cross-Categorical, Early Childhood Special Education (Birth-age 5), Emotional Disability, Hearing Impaired, Learning Disability, Mental Retardation, Orthopedic/Health Impairment, Severely and Profoundly Disabled, Visually Impaired
- **Arts Education (PreK-Grade 12)**
 - Offered in the areas of Art, Dance, Drama, and Music. Arts Education teachers may also be certified under a Secondary certificate with a Special Subject Area endorsement
- **Career and Technical Education (K-12)**
 - Offered in Agriculture, Business and Marketing, Education and Training, Family and Consumer Sciences, Health Careers, and Industrial and Emerging Technologies

Administrative Certificates

- Supervisor
- Principal
- Superintendent

Professional Non-Teaching Certificates

- Guidance Counselor
- School Psychologist
- Speech-Language Pathologist
- Speech-Language Technician

Other Teaching Certificates

- Substitute
- Teaching Intern
- Adult Education
- Athletic Coaching
- JROTC

Requirements for Teaching Certificates (By Statute)

❖ **IVP (Identity Verified Prints) Fingerprint Card ARS§15-106**

Effective January 1, 2008, all teachers and persons who are required to be fingerprinted to work in the classroom are required to have an **Identity Verified Prints (IVP)** fingerprint clearance card.

❖ **Structured English Immersion (SEI), or Full ESL Endorsement**

❖ **Arizona and United States constitutions (either an examination or a college course).** You may be deficient in the Arizona and/or U.S. Constitution for up to **three years**; unless you are certified to teach social studies, government, history, citizenship, law, or civics, you have **one year** to meet this requirement.

❖ **AEPA / Out-of-State Comparable exams**

- Three years of full-time teaching experience in the **same area of certification** can be used to waive the required Professional Knowledge exam.
- The Subject Knowledge exam can be waived if the applicant holds a Master's degree in the same subject area.
 - **EXCEPTION:** An individual who holds a Master's degree in **Elementary Education** is **NOT** eligible to waive the Elementary Subject Knowledge (# 01) exam.

❖ **Phonics** - for elementary certificates only. Forty-five clock hours OR three semester hours of instruction in research-based systematic phonics required.

WORDS ARE IMPORTANT

APPROVED AREA

ENDORSEMENTS

Approved Areas vs Endorsements

- **Approved Areas** - Content areas listed on certificates. Approved areas are limited to the grade level of the certificate.
- **Endorsements** - Expand grade levels specific to endorsement listed on certificate

Approved Areas

(AEPA exam required or comparable out of state exam)

- ❖ Art
- ❖ Biology
- ❖ Business
- ❖ Chemistry
- ❖ Earth Science
- ❖ Economics
- ❖ English
- ❖ French
- ❖ Geography
- ❖ German
- ❖ Health
- ❖ History
- ❖ Mathematics
- ❖ Music

- ❖ Physics
- ❖ Political Science/American Government
- ❖ Social Studies
- ❖ Spanish

*Middle Grade Areas may be added to a secondary certificate providing applicants hold a 7-12 **primary** approved area...*

- ❖ Middle Grade Language Arts
- ❖ Middle Grade Mathematics
- ❖ Middle Grade Social Studies
- ❖ Middle Grade General Science

Approved Areas **(AEPA exam is not available)**

(24 semester hours of content coursework required)

- ❖ Agriculture
- ❖ American Sign Language
- ❖ Chinese*
- ❖ Computers
- ❖ Dance
- ❖ Drama
- ❖ Family Consumer Science
- ❖ General Science
- ❖ Geology
- ❖ Industrial Arts

- ❖ Industrial Technology
- ❖ Japanese*
- ❖ Journalism
- ❖ Latin*
- ❖ Navajo*
- ❖ Photography
- ❖ Physical Education
- ❖ Physical Science
- ❖ Psychology
- ❖ Sociology
- ❖ Speech

*Foreign Language Approved Areas (AEPA exam is not available)

- ❖ If an AEPA exam is not offered in the foreign language the teacher may qualify for the approved area with:
 - ❖ 24 semester hours of coursework in the language; OR
 - ❖ Passing the *ACTFL exam in the language (Speaking/Writing exams): OR
 - ❖ For Native American language teachers, by submitting verification of fluency in the language from an appropriate official from the Tribe.
- ❖ **ACTFL website:**

American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Language

<http://www.actfl.org/i4a/pages/index.cfm?pageid=3642>

General Science Approved Area Coursework for Secondary Certificates

- × Life Science
(12 semester hours)**
 - + Agriculture**
 - + Anatomy**
 - + Biology**
 - + Botany**
 - + Biochemistry**
 - + Ecology**
 - + Environmental Science**
 - + Kinesiology**
 - + Microbiology**
 - + Physiology**
 - + Zoology**

- × Physical/Earth/Space
Science (12
semester hours)**
 - + Astronomy**
 - + Biochemistry**
 - + Chemistry**
 - + Earth Science**
 - + Geology**
 - + Meteorology**
 - + Oceanography**
 - + Physical Geography**
 - + Physical Science**
 - + Physics**

Institutional Recommendation

- **What is an IR?**

The purpose of an IR is to verify the completion of an approved program in order to obtain a teaching, administrative, Guidance Counselor or School Psychologist certificate.

- **Who issues the IR?**

The institution where the student completed the program issues the IR.

- **What requirements need to be met in order for an IR to be issued?**

The student must successfully complete the program and complete 6 semester hours of SEI coursework in order to obtain an IR.

- **How long is the IR valid?**

An IR is only valid for one year from the date it is issued. An IR can only be issued within one year of a student completing a state board approved program otherwise a student must apply the traditional route with an application and official transcripts.

- **Advantages of an IR:**

- \$30 fee versus \$60 fee (\$30 for Cert. + \$30 for SEI)
- Official transcripts are not required

- **Additional Requirements:**

- AEPA Exams (or comparable out of state exams)
- IVP fingerprint card (must have an IVP card after 1/1/2008)

NON-REVIEWABLE OFFENSES

(DOES NOT QUALIFY FOR CERTIFICATION)

R7-2-1307. Criminal Offenses; Non-reviewable

- A. The Board shall revoke, not issue, or not renew the certification of a person who has been convicted of or admitted in open court or pursuant to a plea agreement committing any of the following criminal offenses in this state or similar offenses in another jurisdiction:
1. Sexual abuse of a minor;
 2. Incest;
 3. First-degree murder;
 4. Sexual assault;
 5. Sexual exploitation of a minor;
 6. Commercial sexual exploitation of a minor;
 7. A dangerous crime against children as defined in A.R.S. § 13-604.01;
 8. Armed robbery;
 9. Sexual conduct with a minor;
 10. Molestation of a child;
 11. Exploitation of minors involving drug offenses.
- B. Upon notification that a certificated individual has been convicted of a non-reviewable offense, the Board shall revoke the certificate.

Praxis / Out of State Exams

- **Comparable out of state exams** will only be accepted if the score report documents a passing score (**must state “passed” or “pass”**)
- Master's degree in the content area can waive the AEPA subject knowledge exam
-typical degrees include: Cross Categorical and Early Childhood
- Master's degrees in Elementary **cannot** be used to waive the Elementary Subject Knowledge exam because it is not comparable

**Graduate Major:** UNDECIDED**Educational Level:** EARNED BACHELOR'S DEGREE PLUS ADDITIONAL CREDITS**GPA:** 3.0 - 3.49**SCORE RECIPIENT(S) REQUESTED**

Code #	Recipient Name
R4355	IDAHO STATE UNIVERSITY
R8636 (A)	IDAHO STATE DEPT EDUCATION

CURRENT TEST DATE: 08/04/2007

Test Code	Test Name	Your Score	Possible Score Range	Average Performance Range**	Score Recipient Code(s) from Current Administration				
					R4355	R8636			
0133	ART CONTENT KNOWLEDGE	162	100 - 200	162 - 179	Y	Y			

Test Date	Test Code	Test Name	Your Highest Score	Possible Score Range	Score Recipient Code(s)				
					R4355	R8636			
08/04/2007	0133	ART CONTENT KNOWLEDGE	162	100 - 200	Y	Y			
05/23/2002	5710	C-PPST: READING	177	150 - 190	Y	N			
08/22/2002	5720	C-PPST: WRITING	173	150 - 190	Y	N			
02/28/2002	5730	C-PPST: MATHEMATICS	177	150 - 190	Y	N			

Scores will be available for reporting for ten years.

For more information on Understanding Your Praxis Scores, refer to the enclosed interpretive leaflet and visit www.ets.org/praxis.**MESSAGE CODES**

- A SCORE AUTOMATICALLY REPORTED TO STATE LICENSING AGENCY.
Y SCORE REPORTED TO RECIPIENT LISTED.



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EXAMINEE ADDITIONAL SCORE REPORT

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Examinee's Name: _____

Candidate ID Number: _____

Social Security Number: _____

Sex: _____

Date of Birth: _____

EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION

College Where Relevant Training Was Received: COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY

Undergraduate Major: OTHER NON TEACH EDUC

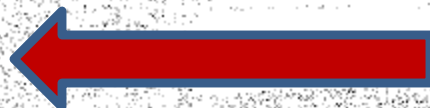
Graduate Major: BIOLOGY

Educational Level: EARNED MASTER'S DEGREE PLUS ADDITIONAL CREDITS

GPA: 3.5 - 4.0

SCORE RECIPIENT(S) REQUESTED

Code #	Recipient Name



HIGHEST SCORE AS OF 04/22/2011

Test Date	Test Code	Test Name	Your Highest Score	Possible Score Range	Score Recipient Code(s)					
11/18/2006	0235	BIOLOGY CONTENT KNOWLEDGE	169	100 - 200						
11/18/2006	0439	MIDDLE SCHOOL SCIENCE	192	100 - 200						
11/18/2006	0523	PRINCIPLES LEARNING & TEACHING 5-9	185 (E)	100 - 200						
07/25/2006	5710	C-PPST, BEARING								

Passed/not passed status provided in this report is based on the passing score in effect on the test date or on the date reported (as indicated next to each score recipient's name). Agencies reserve the right to accept the reporting of scores but not necessarily the passed/not passed status.

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EXAMINEE SCORE REPORT

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Examinee's name:

Candidate ID Number:

Social Security Number:

Sex*

Date of Birth:

EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION

College Where Relevant Training Was Received: IDAHO STATE UNIVERSITY

Undergraduate Major: ART

Graduate Major: UNDECIDED

Educational Level: EARNED BACHELOR'S DEGREE PLUS ADDITIONAL CREDITS

GPA: 3.0 - 3.49

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